

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 11, 2010

7:00 PM

Council Committee Rooms

Development & Parks

*Beryl D. Anderson, Chair
Nancy R. McGregor
David L. Samuel*

Members Absent: David L. Samuel

Members Present: Beryl D. Anderson and Nancy R. McGregor

ISSUES - From Director of Parks & Recreation:

Central Park Greenway - Declaration of Restrictions

Anderson called the meeting to order.

Collins said we are requesting an ordinance that gives the Mayor the authority to record the Central Park Greenway deed restrictions; this is the language that we committed to as a part of the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund Grant used for this purchase; it is ready to go it just needs to be signed and recorded; I am requesting an emergency and waiver because I am in a hurry to get our million dollars in money back.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, waiver of 2nd Reading, Consent Agenda, Emergency Language.

Portable Restrooms

Collins said this is our annual contract for portable restrooms used for the golf course, parks, and special events around the City; this is a request for the Mayor to sign.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, no need to come back; 2nd Reading, Consent Agenda.

Pest Control

Collins said this is our annual ordinance for pest control; the quotes we received are in the report just like for the rest rooms; we went with Terminix. McGregor said is this just for the golf course. Collins said yes.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, no need to come back; 2nd Reading, Consent Agenda.

Boating Safety Grant

Collins said we have received word that we are the recipients of a Boating Safety Grant; the program cost is \$22,946.16 and \$17,206.35 is reimbursed by the Grant; this will be utilized to cover employee costs for training and to purchase boats and paddles; I am hoping with this concept that people will be outside and enjoy it enough that it turns into a lifelong learning opportunity; they take a class at a park, then do a trip down the creek; they get a chance to experience and enjoy this great resource that we have here.

Anderson asked is there an age limit on classes and participation. Collins said he will have to check into what age is instructor recommended. McGregor said this is a good program since we have so many parks with ponds. Collins agreed. Anderson said anything that offers boating and water safety information is key.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, no need to come back; 2nd Reading, Consent Agenda.

George Weber - Warranty Deed

Collins said this request is for an ordinance to accept the deed for 10.592 acres of property; after 5 years of negotiations with George Weber, we now have a deed; we have approximately 56 acres parceled now for this location. Tom Weber said it has been

a painful process.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, no need to come back; 2nd Reading, Consent Agenda.

ISSUES - From Director of Development:

CVB Contract

White said we are requesting that Council authorize the Mayor to enter into agreement with the Gahanna CVB (Convention and Visitor's Bureau); we attached the 2010 contract for you to read and we are requesting that it have 1st reading and come back next committee; CVB will attend that meeting and talk about the scope of services they will be offering; they will have had a board meeting and will approve that scope of services by next committee; we will be able to discuss the contract and answer any questions; their contract ended on January 2 so this time frame will maintain continuity and cash flow; they will be operating from a 4% lodging tax. Mayor said it is the same as last year. Anderson said I like the idea of having the first reading; then bring it back to a Council Committee of the Whole or Finance so all members can hear the CVB presentation.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, back to Finance Committee.

Acceptance of Funds For Abating Public Nuisances

Jones said this request is for the acceptance of funds; Zoning and Building worked together to get DTAC Funds (Delinquent Tax and Assessments Collection) to allow us to recoup some costs; we received \$8,255 for this year; we have already authorized some property cleanup; now we need to put this in the proper account for that.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, no need to come back; 2nd Reading, Consent Agenda.

Parks Updates

Anderson said she would like for White and Collins to also bring us up to date on their Departments.

Collins said in my Council Update on my report, I put the activities going on in downtown Gahanna; the Ohio Herb Education Center and Skating at Creekside; these are items we have put out on Facebook and in press releases; I want to stress that in Gahanna we do not allow kids to skate or play on any of our ponds; it is not safe; there have been a couple of incidents these past couple of weeks here in Central Ohio that exemplify the dangers.

White said you should mention the Foundation Gala. Collins said it is February 6 and it is a Mardi Gras party; it is a 501(c)3 donation for scholarships for campers; we can use everyone's support and it is a great time. White said you can purchase tickets online or by coming into the office.

Anderson said I received the Gateway this week and there are a lot of wonderful things going on. Collins said there is a wealth of information in there about what is going on in the City; included is the information on Day Camps; it does fill up fast even with double the space since we are in 2 parks; a lot of people are already preparing for summer.

Anderson said in awarding the scholarships for camp with money raised from the gala; do you use the same reduced lunch formula that the schools use. Collins said we will take any applications and then we do use the school formula for reduced or free lunches for qualification; saves the Foundation from having to determine eligibility.

McGregor said have you heard about the sledding on the hill at the new detention basin on Hamilton Road. Weber said all kinds of people were there using it. Anderson asked where is it located. McGregor said it is across from the MRDD School. Collins said we

have put soil reserves down, and even though it is a City Park, there is water in the basin off to the side. Weber said it is a great hill for sledding. Collins said it is not permanent; come back and it won't be there and there are no parking places. Anderson said there is sledding at High Point and the Golf Course hill as well. Weber said this is a much better hill.

Development Updates

Anderson asked if there were any non action items from Development.

White said she would like to mention several items; on the quarterly CRA #5 report, it is indicating there were 8 Creekside condos sold; we received \$9,613 in payment to the CRA Reserve Fund for that; we are looking at 8 more condos under contract to be sold; next item you all may remember Charlie Porter who owned a medical building in Cherry Bottom; he went to Westerville and is now returning; his new building will be the first in the expanded tax abated area; the Olde Gahanna Vision Plan Steering Committee has a meeting on January 14 at 5 P.M.; they were given disposable cameras and were advised to take pictures of the good and bad streetscapes, parking lots and signage to aid their decision making; the Hamilton Road Corridor Plan Steering Committee will meet January 21 at 5 P.M. and that committee has several property owners involved; the Groundhog Breakfast has the best response we have ever had; we may have cut off reservations for staff so hurry and get them in; our speaker is OSU Professor of Finance Dr. Stephen Buser.

Anderson said I was excited to see the Creekside Condo article in the Columbus Dispatch on January 3; see that White was quoted for it as well as Mo Dioun.

Meeting Adjourned.

Della Brandenberger, Reporting